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NHL, NHLPA ANNOUNCE INITIAL ROSTERS FOR 4 NATIONS FACE-OFF

Federations Select 24 Players, Six Per Team, to Represent Canada, Finland, Sweden and the United States at International Tournament in February 2025

NEW YORK/TORONTO (June 28, 2024) – The National Hockey League (NHL) and National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) today announced the first 24 NHL Players, six per team selected by the National Associations, who will represent Canada, Finland, Sweden and the United States in the 4 Nations Face-Off in February 2025. All 24 Players selected have either won an international gold medal, the Stanley Cup or claimed an individual NHL Award – or a combination of those achievements. Additional notes on each Player are available below.

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F **Nathan MacKinnon**, Colorado Avalanche
F **Brad Marchand**, Boston Bruins
F **Connor McDavid**, Edmonton Oilers
F **Brayden Point**, Tampa Bay Lightning

Finland

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D **Miro Heiskanen**, Dallas Stars
D **Esa Lindell**, Dallas Stars
F **Sebastian Aho**, Carolina Hurricanes
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Sweden

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Each National Association – Hockey Canada, Finnish Ice Hockey Association, Swedish Ice Hockey Association and USA Hockey – will submit the balance of its rosters later this year, which will be announced between Nov. 29 and Dec. 2. Each team will be comprised of 23 NHL Players (20 skaters, three goalies), who must be under an NHL contract for the 2024-25 season and on an NHL roster as of Dec. 2, 2024.

The Bell Centre in Montreal and TD Garden in Boston will serve as the host venues and cities for the 4 Nations Face-Off in 2025, which will consist of a total of seven games played over a nine-day period from Feb. 12 to 20, along with two designated training/practice days (Feb. 10 and Feb. 11).

All 4 Nations Face-Off games will be played in accordance with NHL rules. Each team will play three tournament games in a traditional Round Robin format, under the following points system: three points for a win in regulation time; two points for a win in overtime/shootout; one point for a loss in overtime/shootout; and no points for a loss in regulation time. The two teams with the best tournament record will then advance to a one-game Final.

Additional information, including ticket purchasing details, will be announced at a later date. Fans can view the complete game schedule and sign up to receive information and updates at <https://www.nhl.com/events/2025-nhl-4-nations-face-off>.



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CANADA

Cale Makar, D, Colorado Avalanche

Less than 400 games into his young and decorated career, Makar has already won the Stanley Cup (2022), Conn Smythe Trophy (2022), Norris Trophy (2021-22) and Calder Trophy (2019-20), adding to a career resume that also includes a gold medal at the 2018 World Junior Championship (the last time he represented Canada). Among his long list of NHL achievements, Makar is also the Avalanche franchise leader in career goals, assists and points by a defenseman for both the regular season and playoffs.

Sidney Crosby, F, Pittsburgh Penguins

A member of the Triple Gold Club by winning the Stanley Cup (3x), Olympic gold (2x) and World Championship (2015), Crosby most recently represented Canada at the World Cup of Hockey 2016 when he captained the championship team. He also has both a gold (2005) and silver (2004) from the World Junior Championship. In 2023-24, Crosby reached the 1,000 career assists benchmark and moved into 10th place on the NHL's all-time scoring list – part of a decorated career that also includes the Ted Lindsay Award (3x), Art Ross Trophy (2x), Conn Smythe Trophy (2x), Hart Trophy (2x) and Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy (2x).

Nathan MacKinnon, F, Colorado Avalanche

A two-time medalist with Canada at the World Championship (gold in 2015, silver in 2017), MacKinnon also played internationally at the World Cup of Hockey 2016 when he skated for Team North America – [scoring an unforgettable overtime goal](#) against Sweden in the team's last game. Since then, MacKinnon has added five 90-plus point NHL seasons to his resume, including a 140-point campaign in 2023-24 that earned him his first Hart Memorial Trophy and Ted Lindsay Award, along with a Lady Byng Trophy (2019-20) and Stanley Cup (2022) to go along with the Calder Trophy he won in 2013-14.

Brad Marchand, F, Boston Bruins

Marchand's international resume includes gold medals at the World Junior Championship (2007 & 2008) and World Championship (2016), along with the championship-clinching goal at the World Cup of Hockey 2016 (the last time he represented Canada). A Stanley Cup champion in 2011, Marchand completed his first season as Bruins captain in 2023-24 and ranks among the top 10 in franchise history for career goals, assists and points.

Connor McDavid, F, Edmonton Oilers

Captain of Team North America at the World Cup of Hockey 2016, McDavid has won gold medals with Canada at both the World Junior Championship (2015) and World Championship (2016) and last represented his country in 2018 (when he shared led the World Championship with 12 assists). Through nine NHL seasons, McDavid has claimed 14 NHL Awards, securing the Art Ross Trophy (5x), Ted Lindsay Award (4x), Hart Trophy (3x), Maurice “Rocket” Richard Trophy (2022-23) [and the Conn Smythe Trophy](#) (2024) after breaking **Wayne Gretzky's** record for assists in one postseason and leading the Oilers' historic rally from a 3-0 series deficit to force Game 7 in the 2024 Stanley Cup Final.

Brayden Point, F, Tampa Bay Lightning

A two-time Stanley Cup champion known for his clutch goal scoring, Point led the Stanley Cup Playoffs in goals in both 2020 and 2021 to help the Lightning claim back-to-back championships. One of three 50-goal scorers in [franchise history](#), Point ranks among the top 10 on the all-time club lists for goals, assists and points during the regular season. He represented Canada at the World Junior Championship in both 2015 (gold medal) and 2016 (captain) and secured a silver medal for his country at the 2017 World Championship (his last taste of international play).



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FINLAND

Juuse Saros, G, Nashville Predators

In 2014, Saros backstopped Finland to its first World Junior Championship gold medal in more than 15 years, securing a spot on the tournament All-Star Team in the process (with **Esa Lindell** patrolling the blueline in front of him). Later that year he claimed one of his two silver medals with Finland at the World Championship (also 2016). Over three seasons as the go-to starting goaltender for the Predators, Saros ranks [second in the NHL in wins](#) and was a Vezina Trophy finalist in 2021-22.

Miro Heiskanen, D, Dallas Stars

After representing Finland at the 2017 World Junior Championship, Heiskanen completed a rare trifecta in international play in 2018 by representing his country at the World Junior Championship, Olympics and World Championship in the same season (all as an 18-year-old). He has since won a World Championship gold medal (2022), helped the Stars reach at least the Conference Finals three times in the past five seasons (including a run to the 2020 Final when he posted the highest playoff point total [ever by a Finnish defenseman](#)) and climbed into the top 10 in franchise history for career goals, assists and points by a defenseman.

Esa Lindell, D, Dallas Stars

A two-time gold medalist with Finland, Lindell helped his country to titles at the 2014 World Junior Championship and 2022 World Championship, where he also has claimed a silver medal (2016). The gold medal in 2014 was secured alongside **Juuse Saros**, winning Finland's first title at the event since 1998. His international resume also includes an appearance with Finland at the World Cup of Hockey 2016, while his NHL career includes the [best plus-minus rating by a defenseman in Stars franchise history](#) (+104).

Sebastian Aho, F, Carolina Hurricanes

Among the most consistent scorers in the NHL since entering the League, Aho has scored at least [20 goals in each of his eight seasons](#) – including an active run of [three straight 30-goal seasons](#) (and a Carolina record [five 30-goal campaigns overall](#)). He ranks third in Hurricanes franchise history in goals, assists and points, and has led the team to playoff series victories in six straight seasons (including two trips to the Conference Finals). Internationally, Aho helped Finland secure a gold medal on home soil at the 2016 World Junior Championship (alongside **Mikko Rantanen**) and has since represented his country at three World Championships and the World Cup of Hockey 2016.

Aleksander Barkov, F, Florida Panthers

Barkov became the first Finnish player to captain a Stanley Cup champion when he led the Panthers to their first championship earlier this week, sharing the team lead with 22 points in the playoffs (including a franchise record-tying four game-winning goals). A two-time Selke Trophy recipient, including in 2023-24, Barkov is one of seven players in NHL history to win both the Selke and Stanley Cup in the same season (countryman **Jere Lehtinen** is also on that list). Barkov has represented Finland at many tournaments, including the World Cup of Hockey 2016, and has medaled at the Olympics (bronze in 2014) and World Championship (silver in 2016).

Mikko Rantanen, F, Colorado Avalanche

A member of two Finnish entries at the World Junior Championship and four at the World Championship, Rantanen has twice medaled at those events, claiming World Junior gold on home soil in 2016 (with **Sebastian Aho**) and following that up with a silver medal at the Worlds a few months later. After helping the Avalanche win the 2022 Stanley Cup, Rantanen (2x) has joined **Jari Kurri** (6x) and **Teemu Selanne** (4x) as the only Finnish players with a 100-point NHL season; they also are the only Finnish 50-goal scorers in NHL history.



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SWEDEN

Gustav Forsling, D, Florida Panthers

Won the 2024 Stanley Cup with the Panthers while setting a new franchise playoff record for [assists in a postseason](#) by a defenseman and tying the benchmark for [points by a blueliner](#). Forsling will be representing Sweden internationally for the first time since appearing in back-to-back World Junior Championship in 2015 and 2016.

Victor Hedman, D, Tampa Bay Lightning

A two-time Stanley Cup champion (2020 & 2021) who has won the Norris Trophy (2017-18) and Conn Smythe Trophy (2019-20). Internationally, Hedman has medaled with Sweden at the World Junior Championship (silver in 2008 & 2009) and World Championship (gold in 2017 & bronze in 2010 & 2024).

Erik Karlsson, D, Pittsburgh Penguins

One of nine players in NHL history to win the Norris Trophy three or more times (2011-12, 2014-15 & 2022-23) who ranks second in [career points among active defensemen](#). Karlsson has been on Swedish teams that medaled at the World Junior Championship (silver in 2009), World Championship (bronze in 2010 & 2024) and Olympics (silver in 2014) – Karlsson was named Best Defenseman at the Olympics in 2014.

Filip Forsberg, F, Nashville Predators

Forsberg scored a career-high 48 goals in 2023-24, setting a Predators franchise record for goals in a season; he had already owned the club benchmark for career goals (287). Internationally, Forsberg has represented his country on many occasions earning medals at the World Junior Championship (gold in 2012, silver in 2013 & 2014) – he was named tournament MVP at the 2014 World Junior Championship – as well as at the World Championship (gold in 2018).

William Nylander, F, Toronto Maple Leafs

Nylander set or matched career highs for goals (40; tied), assists (58) and points (98) in 2023-24, marking his second consecutive 40-goal campaign. Internationally, Nylander helped Sweden earn a gold medal at the 2017 World Championship where he was named MVP of the tournament. His father, **Michael**, was also a two-time gold medalist at the World Championship (1992 & 2006).

Mika Zibanejad, F, New York Rangers

Zibanejad has more career NHL points than any active Swedish-born forward (294-384—678 in 848 GP) and helped the Rangers earn the Presidents' Trophy in 2023-24. He is a two-time gold medalist on the international stage, helping Sweden win both the 2012 World Junior Championship and 2018 World Championship.



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UNITED STATES

Adam Fox, D, New York Rangers

After winning a gold medal with the U.S. at the 2017 World Junior Championship and bronze in 2018, Fox last represented his country at the 2019 World Championship (following his final NCAA season in which he was a Hobey Baker finalist). Fox has since posted at least 40 points in each of his five NHL seasons, including an active run of three straight 70-point campaigns – a first in the 97-year history of the Rangers franchise. In 2020-21, Fox became the second defenseman in NHL history to win the Norris Trophy within his first two seasons, after **Bobby Orr**, and became the first Rangers player to win it at any point since **Brian Leetch** in 1996-97.

Quinn Hughes, D, Vancouver Canucks

Hughes represented the U.S. at both the World Junior Championship and World Championship in back-to-back years, securing two bronze medals in 2018 and a World Championship silver in 2019. With the Canucks, Hughes has quickly climbed the franchise lists for career scoring by a defenseman, ascending to second in both [assists](#) and [points](#) in just five full seasons. He holds the top three entries in Canucks history for [single season assists](#) and [points by a blueliner](#), building on career bests in each of the past three campaigns. In 2023-24, his first season as Canucks captain, Hughes led NHL defensemen in assists (75) and points (92) to become the first player in Vancouver's 57-year history to win the Norris Trophy.

Charlie McAvoy, D, Boston Bruins

McAvoy medaled with the U.S. in five straight seasons from 2013-14 to 2017-18, including bronze and gold medals at the World Junior Championship in 2016 and 2017, respectively. He capped that run with bronze at the 2018 World Championship when he led defensemen in points (3-6—9 in 6 GP). Since entering the NHL in 2017-18, McAvoy leads Bruins defensemen in goals, assists and points (53-224—277). Over that same span, McAvoy tops American defensemen in plus-minus (+144), ranks fifth in assists and seventh in points.

Jack Eichel, F, Vegas Golden Knights

In 2023, Eichel became the seventh U.S.-born player in NHL history to lead the Stanley Cup Playoffs in scoring and the first to finish with the outright lead since **Brian Leetch** in 1994. Since 2014, Eichel has represented the U.S. at the World Championship (3x; bronze in 2015) and World Junior Championship (2x) to accompany a trip to the World Cup of Hockey 2016 with Team North America.

Auston Matthews, F, Toronto Maple Leafs

Matthews last wore the red, white and blue in 2016 when he scored seven goals in seven games to help secure a bronze medal at the World Junior Championship, then tallied nine points as an 18-year-old at the ensuing World Championship. His last taste of international play was with Team North America at the World Cup of Hockey 2016 (alongside **Jack Eichel**). With the Maple Leafs he has set or tied franchise records for [consecutive 30-goal seasons](#) (8) and [40-goal seasons](#) (6). One of nine players in NHL history with [multiple 60-goal seasons](#), Matthews had 69 goals in 2023-24 – the most since 1995-96 (**Mario Lemieux**) – to move into third place in franchise history with 368 career goals (tops in the NHL since he entered the League).

Matthew Tkachuk, F, Florida Panthers

Tkachuk took home the first Stanley Cup of his NHL career in 2024, sharing the team lead with 22 points – two shy of the franchise record he set one year prior in helping the Panthers make their first of back-to-back trips to the Final. Tkachuk last represented the United States at the 2016 World Junior Championship when he helped his country secure a bronze medal. He has active run of three straight 60-assist seasons in the NHL, along with back-to-back 40-goal and 100-point campaigns in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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